
By: **Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**
(By Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Migratory Game Bird Stamps**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the Maryland migratory game bird stamp required to be
4 purchased by a person hunting migratory game birds; requiring a person to
5 carry a certain receipt while hunting migratory game birds; providing for the
6 effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland migratory game
7 bird stamp.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Natural Resources
10 Section 10-308.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Natural Resources**

16 10-308.1.

17 (a) In addition to any other requirement, a person hunting migratory game
18 birds in the State first shall [obtain] PURCHASE a Maryland migratory game bird
19 stamp.

20 (b) [The Maryland migratory game bird stamp shall be:

21 (1) 2 inches in length and 1 3/8 inches in width, or of another size
22 consistent with similar stamps issued by nearby states;

23 (2) Printed on white, dry-gummed 50-pound English finish paper, or on
24 paper of similar quality; and

25 (3) Perforated on all sides, with an attached tab.

1 (c)] (1) A person may obtain a Maryland migratory game bird stamp for a fee
2 of \$9.00 from any person designated by the Department. The issuing person
3 designated shall retain the sum of 75 cents as compensation for issuing each stamp.
4 The balance of the fee is paid over and accounted for to the State Treasurer. The
5 Treasurer shall credit all such fees received to the State Wildlife Management and
6 Protection Fund, in accordance with § 10-209 of this title.

7 (2) The Department may sell expired stamps below face value to the
8 general public for a period of 3 years, after which time the Department shall shred
9 any unsold expired stamps. All revenues derived from the sale of these stamps shall
10 revert back to the Game Management Fund.

11 [(d)] (C) [The Maryland migratory game bird stamp shall be affixed to the
12 resident or nonresident hunting license, of any type, of the person to whom the stamp
13 is issued or if the person is entitled to hunt without a license, carried on the person.
14 The recipient shall sign the stamp in ink.] A PRINTED RECEIPT FROM THE
15 DEPARTMENT SHOWING PROOF OF PURCHASE OF THE MARYLAND MIGRATORY GAME
16 BIRD STAMP MUST BE CARRIED ON THE PERSON WHILE HUNTING MIGRATORY GAME
17 BIRDS.

18 [(e)] (D) (1) All revenues accruing to the Wildlife Management and
19 Protection Fund from sales of the migratory game bird stamps shall be expended
20 solely for the following purposes:

21 (i) Migratory game bird projects included in an approved State
22 program to create, develop, enhance, maintain, and manage nesting cover, winter
23 foods, and other habitat components on public lands to satisfy the habitat
24 requirements of a broad range of wintering migratory game birds and native
25 migratory game bird species;

26 (ii) Migratory game bird research, management, and surveys; and

27 (iii) Not more than 30% to adopt and implement a program to
28 control the species *Phragmites communis* (phragmites) on private lands.

29 (2) To encourage waterfowl habitat conservation on private lands, the
30 Department shall implement a 10-year licensing agreement for approved projects on
31 privately owned lands detailing the landowner's responsibilities. Expenditures by
32 private landowners on private land for these waterfowl projects approved by the
33 Department and covered by the licensing agreement shall be considered a
34 contribution to the State.

35 (3) The Governor shall appoint a Migratory Game Bird Advisory
36 Committee of 9 members who have a practical knowledge of migratory game bird
37 habitat conservation, migratory game bird ecology, migratory game bird
38 management, or migratory game bird hunting.

39 (4) The Committee shall advise the Department on:

- 1 (i) Matters relating to expenditures of funds derived from the sale
- 2 of Maryland migratory game bird stamps;

- 3 (ii) Policy, regulations, and legislation related to migratory game
- 4 birds; and

- 5 (iii) Migratory game bird habitat conservation projects.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take

7 effect August 1, 2003.